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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Six foreign language documents are cited in this Information Disclosure Statement. French language publication WO 96/02655 was cited in the International Search Report for corresponding PCT Application No. FR01/02725. A courtesy copy of the International Search Report is attached. French language publications WO 96/17823, WO 97/18185, WO 98/34648, WO 98/54130, and WO 99/51581, are referenced in the specification. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3)(i), concise explanations of how the foreign language documents are relevant are found in the specification. WO

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96/17823, WO 97/18185, WO 98/54130, and WO 99/51581 are all discussed on page 8 of the specification, and WO 98/34648 is discussed on page 65 of the specification.

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